

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please substitute the following for the Abstract:

A printed circuit board, with at least one contact element for connecting a mating contact, has the contact element secured to the circuit board. A plastic layer is applied to at least one side of the circuit board, and the contact element runs from the circuit board through plastic layer to project from this plastic layer to connect the mating contact. The contact element runs from the circuit board through the plastic layer and projects from this plastic layer to connect the mating contact.